

Wycombe show winning ways

Sports Mail Special Report

BARKING 2 : WYCOMBE WANDS 3

THE same Wycombe Wanderers team which beat Oxford City last Saturday took two Isthmian League points this afternoon at Barking.

Barking: White; Ford, Moffatt; Webster, Turner, Lewis; Nugent, Morris, Porter, Gray, Gibson.

Wycombe Wanderers: Syrett; Beck, Pullin; Maharg, Roystone, Gale; Worley, Horsman, Lowen, Balson, Hodges.

Referee: Mr. R. W. Burville (Woking).

Wycombe had an escape in the first minute when Syrett just managed to stop a snap shot from Gray.

In the next minute Porter shot wide with only Syrett to beat. Wycombe's right wing started looking dangerous with Worley prominent in several exciting runs.

Balson gave Lowen a great chance to score after 17 minutes but goalkeeper Ford pushed his shot away and in the next second Lowen smacked a great shot against the posts.

Gibson completely missed the ball after a cross had beaten Beck but it was Wycombe who looked the more dangerous.

Barking went close when Porter flicked a header downwards, but it went just wide of the posts.

Four minutes before half-time Wycombe took the lead through **WORLEY** who shot through a crowd of players after a Hodges corner ran loose.

A similar move minutes later almost brought another goal.

Half - time: Barking 0, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

After the interval Wycombe drew further ahead when **BALSON** and Lowen combined well for the inside left to break away strongly and hit a fine goal.

Wycombe had their reward when Lowen split the defence with a superb pass and **BALSON** cracked home number three.

With 15 minutes left Barking made several positional changes and immediately **GIBSON** scored for them; and 30 seconds from the end **PORTER** added another.

RESULT:

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WYCOMBE won this game far easier than the score suggests. Playing the better football, they found great gaps in the Barking defence. Winger Worley and the clever Horseman exploited the weakness on the left flank, and it came as no surprise when Wycombe took the lead through Worley after 40 minutes.

Barking were prominent in mid-field for spells but fell down near goal.

Balson, their star player, added No. 2 for Wycombe after 50 minutes. Only a fine save by White robbed Lowen when his header rocketed goalwards.

Porter hit the Wycombe bar and at the other end Worley shot wide from a penalty for a foul on Balson.

Balson added the third Wycombe goal after 72 minutes. Barking switched their team around in the later stages and Syrett was unable to prevent two late goals by Gibson and Porter.

Wycombe left half Gale had his name taken for a foul on Morris.